

I am shocked and discouraged to learn of Sinclair Broadcasting's forcing of their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary during the sensitive pre-election period, when it has been so difficult to find any balanced coverage of crucially significant public events. The dangers of over-consolidation of the media -- and I work for a media company myself -- are both transparent and dismaying. It's gotten to the point where the public must turn to the BBC or look far afield of regular news sources to get a more informed picture of what is going on in our own country. In terms of local and community news, there is a virtual blackout of informed and informative coverage.

The public interest is not being served here. Sinclair has violated its obligation to serve the public interest, and in the end this degrades, does not strengthen, the democratic process. Thank you.